Stocks of foodgrains and Kerosene in Jammu and Kashmir

*115. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stock position of kerosene and foodgrains in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh regions of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to ensure continued supply of foodgrains, Kerosene and Gas in the State during winter season; and

(c) when will fresh rice be supplied to Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Stock position of issuable wheat, rice and sugar in Jammu & Kashmir, State on 24.11.91, is as follows:—

(Mts)

	Jammu	Srinagar
Wheat . . .	332	2000
Rice . . .	5023	3500

Food Corporation of India does not hold any stocks in Kargil. Stocking for Ladakh is done by the State Government. The position in Ladakh is reported satisfactory.

The stock position of kerosene oil as on 14.11.91 is as follows:—

Jammu . . . 12194 KLs

Srinagar . . . 2066 KLs

Kargil . . . 996 KLs

(b) Continued supplies are being made to the State of Jammu & Kashmir of all commodities presently covered under the PDS.

(c) Rice is being continually supplied to the State. During the month of November, 1991 upto 24th November, 32564 MTs of Rice have been despatched to the State against an allocation of 43,500 MTs. Intra State allocations are the responsibility of the State Government.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन पर प्रसारित होने वाले कार्यक्रमों के भाषावार आंकड़े

*116. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत एक वर्ष के दौरान, आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन से अंग्रेजी, हिन्दी और अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं में प्रसारित किए गए कार्यक्रमों की अलग अलग प्रतिशतता क्या है ;

(ख) क्या इन कार्यक्रमों को प्रसारित करते समय दर्शकों और श्रोताओं की पसंद को भी ध्यान में रखा जाता है ;

(ग) गत एक वर्ष के दौरान संस्कृत भाषा के कार्यक्रमों के प्रसारण को कितना समय दिया गया ;

(घ) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के माध्यम से संस्कृत के प्रचार-प्रसार और उसे लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए किए गए प्रयासों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन में संस्कृत के लिए एक सैल स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) वर्ष 1990 के दौरान दूरदर्शन द्वारा अंग्रेजी, हिन्दी तथा अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं में प्रसारित किए गए कार्यक्रमों की

प्रतिशतता इस प्रकार है :

हिन्दी . . .	40.4
अंग्रेजी . . .	33.4
अन्य भारतीय भाषाएं . .	26.2

चूंकि देश में ऐसे आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की संख्या बहुत अधिक है, जहां से विभिन्न भाषाओं में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाते हैं, अतः एक स्थान पर इस प्रकार की सूचना नहीं रखी जाती।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) वर्ष 1990 के दौरान संस्कृत में दूरदर्शन से लगभग 23 घंटे के तथा आकाशवाणी से लगभग 400 घंटे के कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए गए।

(घ) यद्यपि, आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा केवल सम्प्रेषण की दृष्टि से विभिन्न भाषाओं और बोलियों में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाते हैं तथापि यह सही है कि इन माध्यमों द्वारा संस्कृत में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाने से श्रोताओं/दर्शकों में इस भाषा के बारे में रुचि बढ़ेगी।

(ङ) जी, नहीं।

(च) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता।

Thorium deposits in Kerala

*117. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are vast deposits of Thorium on the sea beaches of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to utilise this rescource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) It is well known that thorium as a part of monozite is found in the beach sands of Kerala. The Indian Rare Earths (IRE) and other companies process the sand for extraction of ilmenite and rutile and other by products for export. The thorium component of sand is processed by the plant of the Indian Rare Earths Limited at Alwaye and stored for future use in the atomic energy programme. Large scale use of thorium however, requires introduction of fast reactors to sifinificantly use thoroium for energy production. This also requires initial inventory of plutonium which will be provided by the pressurised heavy water reactors under operation and construction in this decade. It is likely that significant quantity of thorium will be used for energy production in the early part of the next century.

Setting up of a Fertilizer Plant at Babrala (U.P.)

*118. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been inordinate delay in setting up the proposed fertilizer plant at Babrala in Uttar Pradesh which was to be implemented by Tata Chemicals Limited (TCL);

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for the early completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delays are primarly attributable to the promoter who took about 3 years to finalise the product pattern and the company which would implement the project. There were also some delays in giving Government clearances needed for impiementing the project;

(c) All clearances have since been given and the promoters aked to expedite